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THINK FOOD
School Nutrition Programs
Shipment 6
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USDA FOOD Shipment 6 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information.

This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability.

Newsletter is Online, too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

USDA Foods Update

Carrots, Frozen

As a reminder, frozen carrots were moved from shipment 8 to shipment 5 to help make room in the warehouse.

Note

Please make sure when you receive your items from the trucking company, you are only receiving what is on the Bill of Lading. The trucking company is not the only one responsible for making sure they deliver what is ordered. Schools also need to make sure they are receiving the correct products and amounts.

Extra items for schools with entitlement left:

Your school's remaining entitlement will be written at the bottom of the Notice of Shipment Report if you have any monies left.

The amounts listed are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to

tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by Monday, November 23, 2015.

USDA Foods	Cases Left	Price/case
Chicken, diced, fzn	1193	\$92.92
Strawberry cups, fzn	1021	\$45.89
Cheese, mozz, shred, fzn	829	\$61.82
Strawberry slices, fzn	661	\$34.94
Peas, fzn	597	\$18.59
Peaches, cnd	568	\$35.09
Tomato paste, cnd	538	\$23.07
Beans, Great Northern, cnd	489	\$13.73
Ham, cooked, fzn	457	\$63.32
Pork leg roast, frz	359	\$54.48
Cheese, red fat, shred, fzn	333	\$64.71
Mixed fruit, cnd	330	\$37.87
Flour, whole wheat	327	\$9.20
Vegetable oil	289	\$23.08
Ground beef, fzn	274	\$122.02
Beans, black, cnd	267	\$15.48
Turkey deli, fzn	257	\$115.69
Pears, cnd	173	\$32.15
Peach cups, fzn	165	\$42.20
Eggs, fzn	161	\$91.22
Apple slices, cnd	115	\$29.19
Rice, brown	108	\$29.07
Potato, oven fries, fzn	83	\$16.94
Beans, vegetarian, cnd	54	\$13.75
Spaghetti	54	\$7.83
Pancakes, fzn	26	\$8.68
Peanut butter	8	\$29.99
Applesauce, cnd	8	\$19.94
Tortillas, fzn	4	\$16.47
Tomatoes, diced, cnd	2	\$13.65

Equipment Grants

Apply for one of eleven \$5,000 School Nutrition Equipment Grants to be awarded by December 15. Applications are due by November 16, 2015.

[2015-16 School Nutrition Equipment Grant](#)

OPI Cooperative Purchase Program

The winter 2016 OPI cooperative bid is currently out for bid. It is due back at the OPI from vendors in mid-November for award. The order form for schools will be opened online during the last week of November and schools will have approximately three weeks to complete their orders and submit them to the OPI office along with the required signature page. Please watch for an email announcement of the opening date or check the School Nutrition page of the OPI website for more details.

This bid will be for deliveries January through May, 2016. The cooperative bid is open for use by all Montana schools, public and private, and residential child-care institutions with no initial application or fee required. For questions or concerns regarding the cooperative bid process, please contact Cindy Giese, Cooperative Purchasing Coordinator at 406-366-9829 or cgiese@mt.gov.

USDA Farm to School Census Information

The preliminary results from the recent USDA Farm to School Census were recently released! The early results are impressive and show that nationwide:

- 42,173 schools were engaged in farm to school activities as of school year 2014-2015.
- \$598 million was invested in local foods in school year 2013-2014. This represents a \$212 million increase from the previous survey.
- 75 percent of respondents engaged in farm to school activities indicated that they experienced at least one of these benefits: reduced food waste, lower school meal program costs, greater acceptance of the new meal pattern, increased participation, and greater community support.

USDA is accepting submissions of new data and corrections to existing records until November 20, 2015. Please review your district's entry at <https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov/> before

November 20, 2015. If your school is missing an entry, please send a new response even if your school did not engage in farm to school in the 2013-2014 school year.

Did you participate in Montana Crunch Time?



Montana Crunch Time 2015 was a huge success! According to registrations over 30,000 youth and adults planned to participate. We have received photos and stories from all over the state and need your help! If you participated

in Montana Crunch Time, please take this quick survey (less than five minutes) to share about your crunch event.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q5ByCakvYs-I_OK-kxAI5iMPhysg1NbFJyNvyvYQGNzY/viewform?usp=send_form-start=invite

Email your crunch bytes (photos, videos, story) as well as any articles or news coverage of your event to Aubree Roth, Farm to School Coordinator, Montana Team Nutrition Program at aubree.roth@montana.edu.